

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Presently Amended) A multiple-compartment container for containing and dispensing medication according to a pre-defined dosage regimen ~~for storing and dispensing consumer products,~~ comprising:

10 a tray having a generally planar top surface into which has been formed an array of ~~one or more discrete~~ cavities for receiving the medication ~~consumer products~~; and

a cover film to be secured to the generally planar top surface of the tray to seal the array of ~~one or more~~ cavities to  
15 retain the medication ~~consumer products~~ in the array of ~~one or more~~ cavities;

wherein the cover film is adhered to the top surface of the tray by a peelable adhesive applied to the underside of the cover film;

20 CHARACTERISED IN THAT the cover film has ~~having~~ pre-formed tear lines defining a ~~the~~ peripheries of an array of tear-off portions, each tear-off portion being arranged so that in use it lies over an associated one of the cavities ~~tear-off portion corresponding to the periphery of the or each cavity to retain~~  
25 the medication ~~consumer products~~ in that cavity until it is removed by tearing along its tear lines, the respective ~~or each~~ tear-off portion of the cover film having an associated lug portion not secured to the tray in use, for gripping by a consumer preparatory to tearing off the said tear-off portion;

30 wherein the tear-off portions of the cover film have low vapour transmission properties in the areas which in use

overlies the cavities, those low vapour transmission properties  
being created by patches with high vapour barrier properties  
shaped and sized to overlie the cavities and adhered to the  
underside of the cover film by the same layer of peelable  
5 adhesive as that which in use adheres the cover film to the top  
surface of the tray;

wherein the patches are larger than the tear-off portions;

FURTHER CHARACTERISED IN THAT the top surface of the tray  
has an upwardly extending protrusion positioned to be located  
10 beneath the respective ~~ex-each~~ lug portion in use to bend that  
lug portion upwardly out of the plane of the remainder of the  
cover film when the cover film is secured to the generally  
planar top surface of the tray.

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6. (Presently Amended) A container according to claim 1 5,  
wherein the patches extend under the lug portions and are  
25 adhered to the underside of the lug portions by the same layer  
of peelable adhesive as that which in use adheres the cover film  
to the top surface of the tray.

7. (Original) A container according to claim 6, wherein the  
30 cover film prior to application to secure it to the generally  
planar top surface of the tray to retain the items within the

discrete cavities has over the whole of its underside a sheet of barrier film secured thereto by the peelable adhesive, the barrier film having pre-formed tear lines defining the peripheries of the high vapour barrier patches, so that peeling  
5 away the majority of the barrier film immediately prior to application of the cover film to secure it to the generally planar top surface of the tray exposes the peelable adhesive in areas necessary for adhesion to the tray but leaves the patches attached elsewhere to the underside of the cover film.

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8. (Original) A container according to claim 7, wherein the sheet of barrier film has a further pre-formed tear line close to one edge thereof to define a tear-off portion which when removed exposes a location anchorage area of the peelable  
15 adhesive on the underside of the cover film, for adhering an edge portion of the cover film to an edge portion of the tray before peeling away the majority of the barrier film and adhering it over the tray cavities.

20 9. (Presently amended) A container according to claim 8, wherein the tray has upstanding cover sheet location projections formed thereon ~~there-on~~ to be cooperatively received by the cover sheet, providing accurate location of the cover sheet over the tray with the tray cavities and cover sheet tear-off  
25 portions in register before adhering the cover sheet to the tray.

10. (Deleted)

30 11. (Original) A container according to claim 1, wherein the cover film is a metal foil, a metallized polymeric film or paper

sheet, or a plastics film of single or multiple layer construction.

12. (Original) A container according to claim 1, wherein the  
5 cover film is non-rupturable.